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STREAMS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

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In Response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 --The compositions can include peroxyheptanoic and/or peroxyonanoic acid in place of or in addition to peroxyoctanoic acid.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

G2 --Typically the compositions and methods of the present invention include peroxyoctanoic acid, peroxyonanoic acid, or peroxyheptanoic acid, preferably peroxyoctanoic